

FACT SHEET - Subject: NWD Regional Management Board (RMB)

Purpose: Provide Commander information on the NWD RMB for the May BOD meeting.

Facts:

1. RMB met for the first time on 29 April 1998 at Division HQ's. All member were present. There was consensus among all RMB members that a corporate perspective must be maintained at all times and trust developed between the members for the Board to be successful. Also, Board members are representatives of their organizations and agree to inform and involve the entire leadership in this process.
2. RMB's first initiative was to review and finalize the draft NWD-RMB charter for Division Commander's approval. The draft charter was reviewed in detail and amended as agreed. Membership of the RMB is as prescribed in Chief's guidance. The recommended charter was completed with consensus by all members of the Board and will be presented to the Commander for approval.
3. Guidance received 24 April 1998 from General Genetti on the operating budget and the draft Corps cost accounting regulation emphasizing charging practices was presented and provided to each member of the RMB.
4. PM made a presentation to the RMB on NWD workload projections for FY97-FY00. The projections were at the macro level for the three major NWD programs demonstrating the future direction of the NWD workload.
5. The major initiative tackled by the RMB was to develop a milestone schedule for planning, formulating and executing the NWD operating budgets. The RMB also addressed how it would insert itself into the process and what corporate guidance would be developed and recommended to the Commander. The RMB agreed to recommend a Total Labor Multiplier (TLM) "range" that each district would have to operate within rather than specific G&A and Departmental rates. The Districts will have to formulate an operating budget that will produce rates that will generate a TLM within the established range. The recommended TLM range will be at or below the HQUSACE CCG target rate. A range will be recommended for both civil and military work.
6. The RMB agreed to establish a team with representation from each District and the Division to research and analyze the current NWD organizations TLM's. The team will have two weeks to complete the analysis and make a presentation to the RMB on a proposed range of TLM's for FY99. The RMB will make a recommendation to the Commander on the TLM range.
7. The RMB was provided historical FY 96 and FY97 and budgeted FY98 data on controllable cost such as awards, travel and training for each organization. Additional information on G&A rates, Departmental rates, effective rates, and labor bases was also provided to the RMB.

8. The RMB scheduled a teleconference for mid-May to discuss the operating budget guidance (TLM range) and the next meeting for 10-11 June in Kansas City. The agenda will include the operating budget milestones, RMB future objectives, and any requested issues by Board members.

Summary:

The NWD RMB has been established, met and operational. The major focus for FY98 will be the operating budget and establishing consistency in costing throughout NWD as directed by the Chief. The boards charter has been agreed upon and being prepared for Commanders approval, operating budget milestones developed, and guidance being formulated. Attached for information are copies of the draft charter and milestones.

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